

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-64 in their entirety.

1-64. Canceled.

Please amend the following claims 65-69.

65. (Currently Amended)) In a pattern former of the type having a vacuum turntable for receiving wrapped bakery products and for assembling ~~the~~ received wrapped bakery products into a predetermined pattern, the improvement comprising:

a transfer apparatus including a pusher plate for moving groups of wrapped bakery products onto the vacuum turntable;

means for moving the pusher plate back and forth between a first location wherein the pusher plate receives the wrapped bakery products and a second location wherein the wrapped bakery products are located on the vacuum turntable;

means for positioning the pusher plate in a vertical orientation as the transfer apparatus moves groups of wrapped bakery products onto the turntable and into the second location and for pivoting the pusher plate into a horizontal orientation as the pusher plate is moved away from the turntable and into the first location.

66. (Original) The improvement according to Claim 65 further characterized by a slip sheet extending from the turntable and a pusher plate for moving patterns of wrapped bakery products from the turntable along the slip sheet and into bakery trays.

67. (Currently Amended) The improvement according to Claim 65 further including a second transfer apparatus for moving patterns of wrapped bakery products from the turntable into bakery trays comprising:

a second pusher plate for moving patterns of wrapped bakery products from the turntable into bakery trays.

means for positioning the second pusher plate in a vertical orientation during movement of patterns of wrapped bakery products into bakery trays under the action of the second pusher plate and for pivoting the second pusher plate into a horizontal orientation during return movement thereof.

68. (Currently Amended) In a pattern former of the type having a vacuum turntable for receiving wrapped bakery products and for assembling the received wrapped bakery products into a predetermined pattern, the improvement comprising:

a transfer apparatus including a pusher plate for moving predetermined patterns of wrapped bakery products from a turntable into bakery trays;

means for moving the pusher plate back and forth between a first location wherein the pusher plate engages the wrapped bakery products on the turntable and a second location wherein the bakery products are moved into the bakery tray;

means for positioning the pusher plate in a vertical orientation during movement of patterns of wrapped bakery products into bakery trays ~~under the action of the pusher plate~~ and for pivoting the pusher plate into a horizontal orientation during return movement thereof.

69. (Currently Amended) The improvement according to Claim 68 further including a second transfer apparatus including a second pusher plate for moving groups of wrapped bakery products onto the vacuum turntable; and

means for positioning the second pusher plate in a vertical orientation as the second pusher transfer plate moves groups of wrapped bakery products onto the turntable and for pivoting the second pusher plate into a horizontal orientation as the second pusher plate is moved away from the turntable.